

House Bill 1283

By: Representatives Epps of the 128th, Smyre of the 132nd, Buckner of the 130th, Crawford of the 127th, Smith of the 70th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observations, so as to declare Franklin Delano Roosevelt Day in Georgia; to make certain legislative observations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and observations, is amended by inserting at the end thereof the following:

"1-4-16.

(a) The General Assembly recognizes that:

(1) Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the thirty-second President of the United States of America in March, 1933, in the depths of the Great Depression and was reelected for an unprecedented three more terms;

(2) FDR, as he was affectionately known, died in office in April, 1945, less than one month before the surrender of Germany in World War II, at his beloved Warm Springs, Georgia, Little White House;

(3) Despite an attack of polio, which paralyzed his legs in 1921 at age 39, President Roosevelt persisted with strength and courage to lead the American people during the strains of economic crisis and world war;

(4) President Roosevelt visited Warm Springs, Georgia, in 1924 to partake of the town's naturally heated mineral springs to treat his polio related paralysis and found considerable relief from his illness;

(5) President Roosevelt was enchanted with Warm Springs; he built the only home he ever owned there, and from that time forward, his modest six room cottage became known as the Little White House;

1 (6) It was from Warm Springs that President Roosevelt is believed to have developed
2 New Deal politics that affected the entire nation;

3 (7) Franklin Delano Roosevelt was one of our nation's greatest presidents; and his
4 legacies continue beyond enumeration, including the continuation of the hospital he
5 founded for the treatment of polio patients to an internationally recognized comprehensive
6 medical and vocation rehabilitation facility known as the Roosevelt Warm Springs
7 Institute for Rehabilitation in Warm Springs, Georgia; and

8 (8) January 30, 2006, was the 124th anniversary of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birth.

9 (b) January 30 of each year is designated 'Franklin Delano Roosevelt Day' in Georgia."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.